# Welcome To Delaware



Share The Road Cyclists Ahead

# **Sharing the Road: Motorists**

## 1. Drive cautiously

- o Reduce speed when approaching cyclists
- o In bad weather, give cyclists extra room
- o Recognize situations that may be potentially dangerous give extra space

## 2. Yield to cyclists

- Cyclists are vehicles and should be given the appropriate right of way <a href="IT">IT'S THE LAW</a>
- o Cyclists may take the entire lane if conditions dictate
- o Motorists should allow extra time for cyclists to go through intersections

#### 3. Be considerate

- o Scan for cyclists in traffic and at intersections
- o Do not blast your horn in close proximity to cyclists
- o Look for cyclists when opening doors

## 4. Pass with care

- Leave at least three feet of space between your car and a cyclist when passing
- Wait until road and traffic conditions allow you to safely pass

## 5. Watch for children

- o Children on bicycles are often unpredictable expect the unexpected and slow down
- o Most children don't have adequate knowledge of traffic laws

For more information on cycling in Delaware contact:

Delaware Department of Transportation

1-800-652-5600

# **Sharing the Road: Cyclists**

## 1.Ride on the right IT'S THE LAW

- o Always ride in the same direction as traffic
- o Use the lane furthest to the right going in the direction that you are traveling
- o Slower moving cyclists and motorists stay to the right

## 2. Obey Traffic Laws IT'S THE LAW

- o The same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists
- Obey all traffic control devices, such as stop signs, lights, and lane markings
- Always use hand signals to indicate your intention to stop or turn to motorists and cyclists

#### 3. Always wear a properly fitting helmet

- Make sure that the helmet fits on top of the head, not tipped back
- Do not wear headsets while riding you need to hear what's going on around you
- o After a crash or any impact that affects your helmet, visible or not, replace it immediately

## 4. Ride predictably

- Ride in a straight line and don't swerve in the road or between parked cars
- o Check for oncoming traffic before entering any street
- Anticipate hazards and adjust position in traffic accordingly

## 5. Be visible

- o Wear brightly colored clothing at all times
- At night, use a white front light, red rear light and reflective tape or clothing IT'S THE LAW
- o Make eye contact with motorists to let them know you are there

